

RANKING RAILROAD
EXECUTIVES OF THE
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AGAIN WITH WILSON

Railroad Executives Said to
Be Working on New Pro-
posals to Satisfy De-
mands of Unions

TELEGRAMS POUR IN
WHITE HOUSE AND
WILSON MAKES REPLY

The Railroad Union Leaders
Spend Sunday Quietly and
Issue No Statements.
Rest at Seashore

Washington, August 20.
The ranking railroad execu-
tives of the nation, who have
been conferring with the Pres-
ident for a week in efforts to
avert a nation-wide strike of
their employees, tonight were
understood to be working on a
proposal granting some of the
men's demands and offering to
arbitrate others. Although the
executives apparently continue
to maintain their position in
opposition to President's plan,
granting the employees a basic
eight-hour day while a com-
mission investigates, adminis-
tration officials expressed the
hope that ultimately they
would decide on the President's
proposal.

The only outward development in
the situation today was the declara-
tion by President Wilson that, instead
of endangering the principle of arbi-
tration, his plan would strengthen it.
The telegram was in answer to one
from George Pope of Hartford, Conn.,
president of the National Manufac-
turers' association, urging the Pres-
ident to preserve arbitration in the
present negotiations. Mr. Pope's tele-
gram follows:

ANSWERS TELEGRAMS
"On behalf of 3700 manufacturing or-
ganizations employing 3,000,000 persons,
and utterly dependent upon uninter-
rupted railroad service for their continued
operation, I beg at once to express our
deep appreciation of your efforts to pre-
vent the threatened destructive stoppage
of national railroad service, and to re-
spectfully urge that you will with all the
power of your great office and personal-
ity assert and maintain the principle of
arbitration for industrial disputes affect-
ing national intercourse. No just demand
can fear such a test. We sincerely be-
lieve no man in our history has pos-
sessed such an opportunity to fortify this
essential principle of public security
against future attack by employer or
employee."

The President replied:
BELIEVES IN ARBITRATION
"Allow me to acknowledge the receipt
of your telegram of August 18, and to say
in reply that I hold to the principle of
arbitration with as clear a conviction and
as firm a purpose as anyone, but that
unfortunately there

"ROOKIE" TRAINING
FEATURE OF CRUISE

Bankers, Collegiates, All Mingle in the John Paul Jones Naval
Cruise for Civilians Off the Virginia Coast—Democratic
Spirit Prevails—Hard Work is the Order of the Day

On Board U. S. S. Virginia, Somewhere
off Newport, August 20.—The first week
of the John Paul Jones cruise for civilians
on the reserve ships of the Atlantic
fleet has seen adventure subsiding into
work. At least it's that way on the Vir-
ginia, which carries 300 and odd re-
cruits who shipped at Boston, including
many Harvard athletes and students.
Tuesday evening the Virginia an-
chored at the rendezvous in Gardiner's
bay.

Wednesday morning the real work
began. Squads were detailed to man
the big guns. Later there was boat
drill and in the afternoon classes were
formed for practical and theoretical in-
struction.

A full crew reported for each big gun.
Efficiency demands that under war con-
ditions they fire three shots a minute.
It takes 10 men to man a 12-inch gun.
It took the civilian crew just five
minutes from "holst away" to "fire".
Yet a trained crew goes through it
all in 12 seconds. It was a better les-
son than any amount of preparedness
talks in the necessity of trained man.

FORM MANY CLASSES
Wednesday afternoon classes were
formed in navigation, steamship and
half a dozen other subjects, and by

Thursday afternoon everything was in
order. Each man had his lesson as-
signed to him. That morning more great
ships of the fleet had come steaming in
the bay. The New Jersey, Rhode
Island and Alabama came in battle for-
mation followed by the Kentucky,
Maine, Louisiana and Kearsarge till the
bay was lined with the big ships of
war. The Alabama carried the southern
"rookies."

They are men of war now, every
one of these recruits. They rise at 5
to the 50's pipe, tumbling out of their
hammocks six feet to the floor. Then
they wash down the decks, polish brass
and wash paint as though their very
existence depended on the job. It might
be funny to see a man whose fortune
runs to millions shining brass in a way
that would not earn him \$2 a
day. Yet, you know that brass polish-
ing is incidental to the larger work of
being prepared to help on a big man
of war in time of danger.

After cleaning comes breakfast, and
after breakfast assembly with setting
up exercises. From that to gun practice
they go immediately, then to boat drill,
to classes of special instruction, to tor-
pedo defense stations, taking barely

HAS A HARD TASK



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

President Wilson is facing the crisis of his administration in the possible
country-wide railroad strike. The executive has carefully studied out the
economic questions involved and he has decided that the principle of the
basic eight-hour day is just and that it should be granted to the railroad em-
ployees immediately, while a congressional commission arbitrates further the
other points of the controversy. Thus far the railroad executives have re-
fused the President's ultimatum. In answer to this President Wilson has
stated that if the strike comes the public will know who is to blame. Pres-
ident Wilson and the railroad presidents will meet again today.

BRITISH CRUISERS
ARE TORPEDOED BY
GERMAN SUBMARINE

London Admiralty Admits
Loss of Ships and Says
U-Boats Were Sunk
and Damaged

London, August 21.—(12:24 a. m.)
Two British light cruisers, the
Nottingham and Falmouth, were
sunk Saturday in the North sea
by German submarines while the
vessels were searching for the
German high seas fleet, according
to an official announcement, issued
by the admiralty shortly before
midnight. One German submarine
was destroyed by the British, while
another was rammed and possibly
sunk.

GERMAN REPORT
Berlin, August 20.—(By Wire-
less).—The admiralty announced
today that a German submarine
sank a small cruiser and a destroyer
near the British east coast and
damaged another small cruiser and
a battleship.

The statement follows: "A Ger-
man submarine off the British east
coast on August 19 destroyed a
small cruiser and a destroyer of
the enemy. Another small cruiser
and a battleship were struck by
torpedoes and damaged."

Looking for Trouble
London, August 20.—A German
squadron of some 15 warships, in-
cluding large cruisers, is reported in
the North sea by trawlers arriving at
Ymuiden, Holland, a Reuter dispatch
says. The squadron was sighted early
yesterday in the region of Whitebank
and was accompanied by two Zepp-
elins. It was on a northwesterly course.

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ADJOURNMENT OF
CONGRESS POSSIBLE
BY NEXT SATURDAY

Revenue Bill Is the Only
Important Legislation
Left Before the
Senate

Washington, August 20.—Adjournment
of Congress now waits only the passage
of the emergency revenue bill, re-pas-
sage of the army appropriation bill with
amendments to meet President Wilson's
veto, completion of the general defici-
ency appropriation measure, and final
action on a few conference reports, in-
cluding the government shipping.

Senate leaders say they would be
ready to adjourn next Saturday if the
House could be prevailed upon to accept
the amended revenue bill without a fight.
This does not seem likely, however, and
Congress probably will not be ready for
adjournment before September 1 or 2.
Fears of indefinite delay resulting from
President Wilson's veto of the army ap-
propriation bill because of its ex-
emption from the military code of retired
officers and men have almost entirely
disappeared. On Tuesday the House will
repass the bill under special rules. The
articles of war which contained Rep-
resentative Hay's objectionable amend-
ment eliminated. It will be rushed to the
Senate, where the plan is to re-insert the
articles of war minus the Hay amend-
ment. Unless present plans miscarry the
bill will then go to conference and Rep-
resentative Hay, his friends declare, will
surrender. There is a possibility, how-
ever, that the articles of war may be
thrown out in the Senate on a point of
order that they are not germane to the
appropriation bill. If any senator makes
the point that will end the controversy.

ON REVENUE BILL
Tomorrow the Senate will begin dis-
cussion of the revenue bill, designed to
raise \$305,000,000 annually through income,
inheritance, munitions, liquor, corpora-

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Summary of the News

GENERAL NEWS
1—Ranking railroad executives of the
nation to confer again with Pres-
ident Wilson.
German high seas fleet again ap-
pears in the North sea.
Leipzig redoubt falls to British in
step-by-step allied offensive.
Forty millions the cost of troops on
Mexican border.
Bulgarian army headed at Kavala,
large Greek port.
Adjournment of Congress possible
by next Saturday.
British cruisers torpedoed by Ger-
man submarines.
"Rookie" training feature of cruise.
Thirteen persons killed by tornado.
Swatara attitude of the government
harmful to Mexico.
Steel orders pour in from the allies.
Weekly review of the cotton market.
Stokhod river is crossed by Slavs
after fierce fight.

LOCAL NEWS
2—Items of Enslay.
3—Important matters will come up be-
fore the city commission.
Incidental fees necessary to run
schools of city.
Board of revenue will ratify \$200,-
000 loan.
Dr. H. N. Rosner will make his re-
port tonight.
Objections to reorganizing plan to be
threwed out.
Erskine Ramsey missed political op-
portunities.
Dr. Holmes preaches on "Standards
of Christ."

SPORTS
4—Barons to start crucial series at Lit-
tle Rock today.
Teams bunched in major leagues.
Pels' defeat gives Vols first place.

FEATURES
2—Football team screen.
3—Holland letter.
4—Editorial comment.

GERMAN HIGH SEAS
FLEET AGAIN COMES
OUT IN NORTH SEA
TO MEET THE BRITISH

London Reports Germans
Returned to Port After
Finding Out That Brit-
ish Fleet Was Coming

VERDUN SCENE
IS VIOLENT
TEUTONIC ATTACKS

Russians Successfully Cross
the Stokhod—Are Fight-
ing Within Sight of the
Hungarian Plains

The German high seas fleet
has again appeared in the
North sea and in a clash be-
tween German submarines and
British scout ships two British
light cruisers have been sent to
the bottom. London reports
that one of the submarines was
destroyed and that another was
rammed and possibly sunk.

This is the first appearance in the
North sea of strong German naval
forces since the battle of Jutland on
May 13. The first news that the Ger-
mans had left the shelter of their mine
fields and fortified bases was brought
to Holland by trawlers, which reported
sighting a German squadron of 15 war-
ships, including large cruisers. This
fleet was accompanied by two Zepp-
elins and was steering northwest in the
region of White Bank.

The two British vessels lost were the
Nottingham, 5400 tons and the Falmouth,
5250 tons. The crews of both the ships
were saved with the exception of 33 men.
The Germans also claim to have sunk
a British destroyer and damaged a bat-
tleship but this is denied by London.
According to the British admiralty, the
German fleet avoided an engagement with
the main British forces and returned to
port when its scouts reported the ap-
proach of strong British squadrons. On
the western front the French continue
to press forward in the neighborhood of
Guilleminet and Paris reports the capture
of a strongly fortified wood between that
town and Maurepas.

IN VERDUN SECTOR
In the Verdun sector, the Germans
are fiercely counter attacking in an ef-
fort to regain Fleury, the loss of which
they concede. The British report the
repulse of German counter attacks and
the capture of a portion of trenches north
of Bazentin-Le-Petit.

In the east, the Russians are ap-
parently centering their efforts on their new drive
toward Kovel. Berlin admits that Gen-
eral Brusilov's troops have crossed the
Stokhod at one point and Petrograd says
that the Russians have pushed on beyond
the river and captured a series of heights
on the road to Kovel. Fierce fighting
continues on the crest of the Carpa-
thians where the Russians are battling
within sight of the Hungarian plains.
No indication has been given, however,
of the strength of the forces engaged in
this fight and it is uncertain as yet
whether General Brusilov is making a
serious effort to invade Hungary.

The offensive on the Saloniki front is
slowly developing and the fighting is
growing in intensity on the 150-mile battle
line from Lake Prespa to Lake Doiran.
Both sides claim minor successes but
apparently no action of importance has
occurred. An interesting feature on this
front is the advance of Bulgarian de-
tachments toward the Greek seaport of
Kavala. This port is well to the east of
the allied front and the purpose of the
Bulgarian move is not made clear in the
dispatches.

REPORTS FROM SALONIKI
Paris, August 20.—Reports from Saloniki
show that the general engagement which
began Friday is continuing with in-
tensity over an extended front from Flo-
rina, near Monastir, to the river Struma.
This represents an irregular line of 150
miles.

General Sarraill is directing the united
operations of the allies with Gen-
eral Cordonnier commanding the French.
The operations have been long expected
as a part of the allies' co-ordinated of-
fensive on all fronts. They follow the
arrival of General Cordonnier after ex-
tended conferences with officials here.

Advices received in Paris indicate that
the Germans and Bulgarians are seeking
to anticipate the movement by taking
the offensive on the left, where the Ser-
bians have moved up to within 25 miles
of Monastir, holding Florina as an ob-
servation post. Their orders were not to
attempt to retain Florina if they were
attacked. The Serbian war office says
the Bulgarians were thrown back on the
old positions, but that later the Serbians,
following instructions, evacuated Florina,
which the Bulgarians then occupied.
The Serbians retired slowly and later
delivered a heavy counter attack against
a large Bulgarian force debouching from

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Yesterday's Age-Herald con-
tained
530
Separate and distinct adver-
tisements, occupying
2590
Inches of space.

INVENTS "HOSE OF DEATH"



LIEUTENANT COLONEL ISAAC N. LEWIS

Colonel I. N. Lewis, U. S. A., retired, is the inventor of the machine gun
which is being used by the Allies with wonderful effect. Its killing power
may be gauged from the fact that in one trench recently one of these guns,
manned by a crew of two men, accounted for 330 Germans in half an hour.
It has been described as "the hose of death," and whether in advance or re-
tirement, it is the supreme battle arbiter, according to the British military
opinion.

FORTY MILLIONS
THE COST OF TROOPS
ON MEXICAN BORDER

Report of Emergency Ap-
propriations Shows Large
Sum Expended in Em-
broglia With Carranza

By HUGH W. ROBERTS

Washington, August 20.—(Special.)
When the people of the country are
made to realize that the "punitive ex-
pedition" into Mexico, supplemented
by national guardsmen dispatched to
the border, has cost the government of
the United States practically \$40,000,-
000, they will be able to appreciate the
vastness of that sum which the govern-
ment saved when it managed to
avoid serious difficulty with Germany.
The 1916 deficiency appropriations
for the military and naval establish-
ments—deficiency appropriations being
urgent and extraordinary appropri-
ations—has amounted to the staggering
total of \$40,073,153.96. The itemized
figures secured for The Age-Herald by
the clerk of the Senate committee on
appropriations, show that the great
bulk of this deficiency appropriation
was expended on the military arm of
the government in getting the men
into Mexico and onto the border, in
maintaining them in food, clothing and
equipment, and in making their sur-
roundings sanitary.

A COSTLY EMBROGLIO
In other words, of the total of more
than \$40,000,000, a study of the figures
will prove that about \$30,000,000 was
expended as a result of the Mexican
embroglio.

The itemized statement follows:
Deficiencies for the military estab-
lishment:
Pay of the army \$4,242,790.04
Signal service of the army 850,000.00
Mileage to officers and 70,000.00
Contract surgeons 20,000.00
Subsistence of the army 1,376,841.09
Regular supplies, quar-
termaster corps 772,883.08
Incidental supplies, quar-
termaster corps 144,580.86
Horses for cavalry, ar-
tillery, etc. 9,554,965.00
Barracks and quarters 66,300.00
Transportation of the
army 11,338,661.08
Water and sewers at mil-
itary posts 130,110.50
Clothing and garrison
equipment 5,014,702.00
Medical and hospital
department 1,621,500.00
Bureau of steam engi-
neering 938,620.40
Bureau of ordnance 985,000.00
Bureau of yards and
docks 52,000.00
Medical department 55,000.00
Transportation of re-
mains 6,000.00
Contingent expenses 10,000.00
Rent for the navy depart-
ment 1,250.00
Marine corps, provisions 109,000.00
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stores 105,000.00
Marine corps, contingent
expenses 60,000.00
Total military establm't. \$37,021,333.56
Bureau of construction 728,950.00
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Total naval establm't. \$3,651,820.46
For the navy \$3,651,820.46
For the military \$37,021,333.56
Grand total \$40,673,153.96

BULGARIAN ARMY
HEADED AT KAVALA,
LARGE GREEK PORT

Long Expected Offensive at
Saloniki Begins With
Minor Brushes Between
the Allies and Bulgars

Paris, August 20.—Bulgarian troops are
advancing toward the Greek seaport of
Kavala, it was announced today. They
have seized two Greek forts. At sev-
eral points along the front new engage-
ments have been fought.

The official report of operations on the
Saloniki front, from the French army of
the east, follows:
"East of Kavala, Bulgarians have crossed
the Nestos (Mesta) in small force and
are sending patrols forward in the direc-
tion of Kavala."
"In the region of the Struma the
enemy occupied the Greek forts of Lise
and Starista on the right bank, and ad-
vanced some troops to the approaches to
the river."

"West of the Struma Bulgarian attacks
on Puroi Manion were stopped by our
fire. Near Lake Doiran British troops
repulsed Bulgarian attacks on Dodge.
On the western bank of the Vardar there
was rather brisk shelling especially to-
ward Majadaj."
"In the region south of Monastir fight-
ing continues at the approaches to
Banica between Serbian guards and Bul-
garian forces debouching from Florina."

The Greek port of Kavala is on the
Aegean sea, 50 miles northeast of Sa-
loniki and 20 miles west of the Bul-
garian border. The river referred to in the
official French report as having been
crossed by the Bulgarians probably is the
Mesta, which flows from Bulgaria
through the northeastern extremity of
Greece and enters the Aegean near Or-
fali.

The Struma, on which are situated the
two Greek forts occupied by the Bul-
garians, is some distance west of the Mesta,
with an outlet into the Aegean near Or-
fali.

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THIRTEEN PERSONS
KILLED BY TORNADO

Over \$2,000,000 in Property Damage at Corpus Christi, Tex.,
Through Heavy Gulf Storm—Stricken Area Extends
for 150 Miles Along the Coast

Corpus Christi, Texas, August 20.
Thirteen persons were killed and prop-
erty valued at approximately \$2,000,000
was destroyed in the storm which
struck Corpus Christi Friday night and
swept through 10 adjacent counties in
south Texas, according to reports re-
ceived here tonight.

Of the dead nine were members of
the crew of the small freighter, Pilot
Boy, which foundered off the Aransas
Pass jetties. Three Mexicans were
killed at Katherine, a little settlement
on the King ranch near Alice, and one
Mexican was reported killed at San
Diego. Both towns are about 50 miles
inland. The estimated property loss
includes damage to the cotton crop, a
large part of which was devastated.

The damage at Corpus Christi was
estimated at \$500,000. Other losses
were: Aransas Pass, \$150,000; Rock-
port, \$75,000; Alice, \$100,000; San Diego,
\$50,000; Robstown, \$50,000; Bishop,
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HEAVY DAMAGE
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LEIPZIG REDOUBT
FALLS TO BRITISH
IN STEP-BY-STEP
ALLIED OFFENSIVE

By a Quick Charge After
Artillery Preparation, the
British Plunge Through
to Victory on Somme

PRUSSIAN SOLDIERS
GLAD TO SURRENDER
AFTER BOMBARDMENT

Intricate System of Defenses
of No Avail to Germans
in the Face of Hot
British Fire

With the British Armies in
France, August 19.—(Via Lon-
don, August 20.)—What two
battalions did and how they did
it was the most thrilling inci-
dent of the last 24 hours of sen-
sational fighting from the
Ancre to the Somme.

All along the line from the south of
the Ancre the British left their
trenches while the French were hard
at it on the right. The time chosen
was 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
Two battalions were on the left with
more guns to help them, probably, than
any two battalions that ever made a
charge. One hundred cannons were en-
gaged in making a curtain of fire on
their front, while others were busy
with other details of the staff plan.
Nothing in the whole offensive was so
dramatically staged or came off with
greater success.

The Germans still held on in their old
first line trenches where the British
guns brought up from under great dig-
outs held up the British on July 1.
Sharper and sharper grew the battle
of the New British line, until the map
it looked impossible for troops to
survive in such a salient. Nevertheless the
Germans stuck to these elaborate de-
fenses of nearly two years preparation
with dugouts 30 or 40 feet under ground,
revetted traverses and every other detail
of protection against all kinds of fire
which army staffs can devise or labor
build.

POUNDING AWAY
Yesterday afternoon the British guns
were pounding away as usual at this
sector, which is called the Leipzig redoubt,
when the British, thanks to a new system
for taking care of machine guns and with
a quick burst of artillery preparation
covering their charge, appeared on the
jump through the doors of their dug-
outs.

They were visible to observers running
about the maze of traverses like terriers
searching for rat holes, their bayonets
gleaming and puffs of smoke rising as
they threw their bombs.
In one capacious dug-out, equip-
ped with beds, tables and cupboards six of-
ficers and 170 men surrendered in a body
and were marched off after the manner
of a crowd caught in a gambling house
raided by the police. Some managed to
escape from their dug-outs, though sur-
rounded, tried to man their machine guns
and were shot down. Still others fought
to the death with bayonets and bombs.
It is estimated the 20,000 Germans caught
in this trap by less than half their own
numbers were accounted for.

CAPTURED MANY PRISONERS
When the Associated Press correspond-
ent left corps headquarters, 12 officers

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